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President Mutharika fired two ministers and two deputy ministers on February 4 and announced a cabinet reshuffle (reftel). The four new members are Gwanda Chakuamba (Minister of Agriculture), Martin Kansichi (Minister of Trade and Private Sector Development), Charles Thomson Mchacha (Deputy Minister of Industry, Science and Technology) and Elizabeth Aipira (Deputy Minister of Agriculture). The full new cabinet is as follows:

President and Commander-in-Chief of the Malawi Defence Force and Police Service, Minister Responsible for Defence, the Civil Service, Statutory Corporations and Privatization: Dr. Bingwa Mutharika

Vice President and Minister Water Development: Dr. Cassim Chilumpha (UDF)

Minister of Agriculture: Gwanda Chakuamba - President, Republican Party (RP)

Minister of Finance: Goodall Gondwe

Minister of Economic Planning and Development: David Faiti, MP - Chikwawa Central (RP)

Minister of Foreign Affairs: Davis Katsonga, MP - Mwanza Central (UDF) - formerly Minister of Mines, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs: Henry Phoya, MP - Blantyre Rural East (UDF)

Minister of Industry, Science and Technology: Khumbo Chirwa, MP - Nkhata Bay Southeast (RP)

Minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security: Uladi Mussa, MP - Salima South (UDF)

Minister of Trade and Private Sector Development: Martin Kansichi - former President of Malawi Confederation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Minister of Education: Yusuf Mwawa, MP - Balaka Central East (UDF)

Minister of Transport and Public Works: Henry Mussa, MP - Chiradzulu East (UDF)

Minister of Lands, Housing and Surveys: Bazuka Mhango, MP - Karonga Northwest (RP)

Minister of Local Government and Rural Development: Dr. George Chaponda, MP - Mulanje Southwest (UDF) - formerly Foreign Affairs Minister

Minister of Information and Tourism: Dr. Ken Lipenga, MP - Phalombe East (UDF)

Minister of Labor and Vocational Training: Jaffali Mussa, MP - Machinga East (UDF) - formerly Local Government & Rural Development Minister

Minister of Health: Dr. Hetherwick Ntaba

Minister of Mines, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs: Eunice Kazembe (UDF)-former Minister of Trade and Private Sector Development

Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture: Henry Chimunthu Banda, MP - Nkhotakota North (UDF)

Minister of Women, Child Welfare and Community Services: Joyce Banda, MP - Zomba Malosa (UDF)

Minister of Social Development and Persons With Disabilities: Clement Chiwaya, MP - Mangochi Central (UDF)

Deputy Ministers:

Deputy Minister of Health: Frank Mwenifumbo, MP - Karonga

Central (AFORD)

Deputy Minister of Education: Anna Kachikho, MP – Phalombe North (Independent, but rejoined UDF upon election)

Deputy Minister of Transport and Public Works: Roy Commsy, MP – Thyolo Southwest (UDF)

Deputy Minister of Industry, Science and Technology: Charles Thomson Mchacha, MP Thyolo West (UDF – though elected on an Independent Ticket)

Deputy Minister of Mines, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs: Mia Mohammed Sidik, MP – Chikwawa Nkombezi (UDF) – formerly Deputy Minister of Agriculture

Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development: Patricia Kaliati, MP – Mulanje West (UDF)

Deputy Minister of Information and Tourism: Henri Mumba, MP – Mzimba Hora (MGODE)

Deputy Minister of Agriculture: Elizabeth Aipira, MP Mangochi West (UDF – though elected on an Independent Ticket)
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